

3. **Police to Ask Hambali about Ba'asyir's Involvement** (*Koran Tempo* 2/22, p.A5);
U.S. Has Not Yet Responded to Police's Letter on Hambali (*Kompas* 2/22, p.27);
FBI Denies Its Promise on Hambali (*Sinar Harapan* 2/21, p.3)

Koran Tempo: The Indonesian National Police stated they have a list of questions to be sent to the FBI to be asked to terrorist suspect Hambali. One of the questions is if Abu Bakar Ba'asyir is connected to Hambali and the bombings he committed. "We need to hear from Hambali whether or not he had a relationship with Ba'asyir," Head of Polri Public Relations, Insp. Gen. Sisno Adiwino, told reporters yesterday. He said if Hambali acknowledges Ba'asyir's involvement, Polri will carry out an investigation. Polri will send questions to the FBI after being refused a meeting with Hambali in person.

Kompas: The Indonesian National Police has sent an official letter to the FBI requesting access to question Hambali, however, the U.S. has not yet responded to the letter, according to Head of Polri Public Relations, Insp. Gen. Sisno Adiwino. "Polri has sent a letter to the FBI but there has been no response yet. The FBI's liaison officer here has advised Polri to prepare written questions for Hambali," said Sisno. The Police need information from Hambali in order to uncover the terrorism network in Indonesia. The likely mechanism will be for Hambali to answer questions asked by the Police and then FBI investigators will forward his responses to Polri.

Sinar Harapan: The FBI Director is not keeping his promise to allow Indonesian Police Chief Gen. Sutanto to meet with Bali Bombing suspect Hambali, a.k.a. Encep Nurjaman. The FBI, through its director, denied the Indonesian police's request to question Hambali in person. According to Deputy Head of Polri Public Relations, Brig. Gen. Anton Bachrul Alam, the refusal was conveyed directly by the FBI Director to Indonesia's National Crime Bureau (NCB) Secretary, Brig. Gen. Iskandar Hassan. "The U.S. rejected Indonesia's police request. They will allow the police to send written questions," said Anton.